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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Vuthe Siek	2825	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 December 2003.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1,3-5,8,10-12,15 and 17-19 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 2,6,7,9,13,14,16,20 and 21 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 15 December 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/24/04.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to application 10/736,326 filed on 12/15/2003.

Claims 1-21 remain pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10-12, 15 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gont et al. (6,738,957).

4. As to claims 1, 8 and 15, Gont et al. teach a process in a computer system for generating a high level schematic from a project schematic of basic components. The project schematic is represented by a project netlist of components and their interconnections (a schematic definition file). The netlist of the high level schematic is generated to form a database for storage on a computer readable medium. The data (each gate object) in the database includes cell names, signal labels for input and output signals between the cells, location, pin order, wire connections, pin type, and a description of each cell function (summary, col. 5, lines 5-26). Fig. 2 shown placement relationships according to the project schematic netlist (schematic definition file and a

component rule set) (Fig. 2, col. 6 lines 14-41). Gont et al. teach generating or creating a high level schematic from the project schematic netlist (see summary).

5. As to claims 3-5, 10-12 and 17-19, Gont et al. teach displaying an electrical schematic corresponding to the schematic output file (Fig. 3); receiving user edits of the automatically-generated electrical schematic (col. 5, lines 20-26); defining a location of a first component of the schematic definition file and defining locations of a plurality of second components of the schematic definition file in relation to the location of the first component (col. 5, where Gont teach performing searching for each component in the project schematic netlist).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2, 6-7, 9, 13-14, 16 and 20-21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest loading a circuit-requirements file, wherein the circuit-requirements file being in a first format, and generating a corresponding schematic definition file, wherein the schematic definition file being in a second format; displaying a three-dimensional image, corresponding to the automatically-generated electrical schematic, showing the relative three-dimensional location of multiple circuit components, and the schematic output file includes both two-dimensional and three-dimensional location data for a plurality of electrical components.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vuthe Siek whose telephone number is (571) 272-1906. The examiner can normally be reached on Increase Flextime.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Smith can be reached on (571) 272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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